



V2020 Reservoir Committee Meeting

Arlington Town Hall Annex, First floor conference room

Minutes – Tues, March 28, 2017

Approved May 16, 2017

Present: David White, Stephan Miller, Lisa Fredman, Michael Ratner, Ann LeRoyer, Cathy Garnett

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Ann offered to take minutes.

We reviewed the February meeting minutes and voted approval with a few small edits.

Website Review

Stephan and David have created a new, much improved website for the Res Committee and had sent around the link of the draft version for comments prior to the meeting. Overall, it met with great appreciation and positive comments. We discussed a number of changes and additions:

- include a Calendar of current information, events, etc., and info on past events, such as postcard of last year's art show
- fix information on several of the maps
- add a Gallery section with photos since the beginning
- change the header from Information to Resources
- update the historical timeline
- add a section on Picture Post
- add a newer 2015 Bird List (Karsten Hartel) and info on Menotomy Bird Club

Spring & Summer Activities

Martine is stepping back from active participation in the committee, but she is available for consultation... Cathy will offer plant care and landscaping advice and serve as a liaison with her.

Basically, we will continue to focus on both the main garden and the island with weeding, pruning, mulching and some watering as needed. We should continue to thin and dig out overgrown grasses and add some new plants where needed to prevent invasives from getting started. We have to continue work on the fencing (thanks mainly to David and Stephan) and get DPW to provide wood chips for the paths.

The next workday will be Saturday, April 22, 1-3 pm, and we will alternate Saturdays and Sundays through the summer.

Water Bodies Funding

Town Meeting will vote on funding for water chestnut harvesting and other water bodies maintenance, but support has been given by the Finance Committee and it is expected to pass. Mystic River Watershed Association will continue to sponsor hand harvesting, and DPW will manage the mechanical harvesting. The Town Manager is still trying to work out shared financing with Lexington.

Walking Routes

The Open Space Committee is coordinating a series of walking routes around Arlington to link various parks and other sites, and is currently working on routes in the Heights and around the Reservoir, which will also link to the ACROSS trails in Lexington.

Reservoir Master Plan

The Finance Committee has accepted the Community Preservation Committee recommendations for CPA funding, including the Res plan. It still has to be approved by Town Meeting. Planning is expected to begin later this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes by Ann LeRoyer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 pm